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Applicant: Kenneth G. Stewart III Confirmation No. 4744
Serial No.: 09/748,281 Art Unit: 3635
Filed: December 27, 2000 Examiner: Y. Horton
For: JOIST BRIDGING SYSTEM

REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF THE NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Abandonment mailed August 27, 2003, Applicant offers the following:

On July 30, 2002, Applicant received a Notice of Allowance in this application.

The issue fee was submitted August 13, 2002.

No further correspondence from the USPTO was received until the above-identified Notice of Abandonment, i.e. the Office Letter of January 22, 2003 was NOT received. A copy of the file contents of Applicant's file is attached.

Accordingly, it is requested that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn and that the Office Action of January 22, 2003 be reissued.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 02-1010 (6714/63409).

Respectfully submitted,

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Submission of Car. App. Papers 5/6/02

2. Amended Abstract 3/2/02

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